

**Fair Political Practices Commission
Filing Schedule for State
Major Donor and Independent Expenditure Committees
January thru June 2012**

Deadline	Period	Form	Notes
Jan 31, 2012 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	thru - 12/31/11	461 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ File only if contributions or independent expenditures were made in 2011 and not disclosed on an earlier report. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made.
Within 24 Hours <i>90-Day Election Cycle Report</i>	3/7/12 - 6/5/12	496	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ E-Filers only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made in connection with a state candidate or state ballot measure being voted upon June 5. ○ Online only – no paper filing.
Within 24 Hours <i>16-Day Reports</i>	5/20/12 - 6/4/12	496 497	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 496: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made in connection with a state candidate or state ballot measure being voted upon June 5. ▪ 497: File if contributions totaling \$1,000 or more are made to a political party committee or to a candidate/measure committee listed on the ballot. ▪ Deadlines: The deadline for a Form 497 reporting a contribution received on May 20 is May 21, and the deadline for a Form 497 due May 26, 27 or 28 is extended to May 29. ▪ Online filing only including non-E-Filers. No paper filing.
Jul 31, 2012 <i>Semi-Annual</i>	1/1/12 - 6/30/12	461 & possibly 465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 461: All committees must file this report. ▪ 465: File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made from May 20 through June 4. ▪ All committees file a paper report. E-Filers also file an electronic report.

Making Independent Expenditures - Also File:

Mar 22, 2012 <i>Supplemental IE Report</i>	1/1/12 - 3/17/12	465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made during the period. ▪ All committees file a paper report. E-Filers also file an electronic report.
May 24, 2012 <i>Supplemental IE Report</i>	3/18/12 - 5/19/12	465	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ File if independent expenditures totaling \$1,000 or more are made during the period. ▪ All committees file a paper report. E-Filers also file an electronic report.

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Additional Election Reports

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Within 10 Business Days of the Expenditure <i>Paid Spokesperson Report</i>	Ongoing	511	<ul style="list-style-type: none">File if an expenditure totaling \$5,000 or more is made to an individual to appear in an advertisement to support or oppose a ballot measure. File a paper report. E-Filers also file online.
Within 48 Hours <i>Issue Advocacy Report</i>	4/21/12 - 6/4/12	E-530	<ul style="list-style-type: none">E-Filers only: File if a payment or promise of payment of \$50,000 or more is made during the 45 days prior to an election for a communication that identifies a state candidate being voted upon in the election but does not expressly advocate the election or defeat of the candidate. No paper copy required.

- **E-Filer:** A state committee that made contributions or independent expenditures totaling \$25,000 or more since January 1, 2000.
- **Forms 461, 465:** All state committees must file paper reports. An E-Filer also files an online/electronic report.
- **Forms 496/497:** All reports filed online only.
- **Filing Deadlines:** Deadlines are extended when they fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday. This extension does not apply to Form 497 due June 2 or June 3, or to any Form 496 report. Such reports must be filed within 24 hours regardless of the day of the week. Late statements are subject to a \$10 per day late fine.
- **Contribution Limits:** Contributions to state candidates and to committees that make contributions to state candidates are subject to contribution limits. Refer to the contribution limit chart on the FPPC website. Some committees that feature state candidates in advertisements are also subject to contribution limits. Contact local jurisdictions for information on local restrictions, if any.
- **Other Election Activity:** Contributions or independent expenditures made in support of or opposition to city or county candidates and committees may trigger reporting as a city or county committee, rather than as a state committee. See FPPC Regulation [18247.5](#) for guidance.
- **Period Covered:** The period covered by any statement begins on the day after the closing date of the last statement filed, or January 1, if no previous statement has been filed.
- **Paper Filings:** All paper filings must be filed by personal delivery or first class mail unless otherwise noted.
- All statements are public documents.
- For important information refer to www.fppc.ca.gov and click on the Candidates and Committees section. Use [Manual 5](#) or [Manual 6](#).